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THE TRUST PROBLEM.

Interesting Discussion Before the Cooper Union Institute.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—The conference of trusts before the People's Institute in co-operation with the Cooper Union, was continued last night in the hall of the union when "The economic effects of industrial combination" formed the topic of discussion. The first speaker on the economic customs involved in industrial combinations was W. H. Baldwin, Jr., president of the Long Island railroad, who elucidated the meaning of the term "trust." In the first place, he said, a trust was a combination of capital in order to purchase raw material; secondly, to pay a high rate of wages, and, thirdly, to sell at a lower price than could be offered by any smaller combination of capital. That said Mr. Baldwin was the only kind of trust, either economic or political, that could survive public opinion or the final analysis of the great question of trusts.

Mr. Baldwin drew a parallel between the rate of wages paid in the times of small railroads, when the average was \$30 a month, and the present rate, as certified by Mr. Arthur, of \$150 to \$225 a month for engineers working from seven to eight hours a day, which latter result, he said, was only possible under the combination of railroad interests and economies of operation that could be brought about under no other conditions. Mr. Baldwin gave it as his opinion that the onward current toward combinations must be stopped, and that the aim must be to control the trust and to guide it along so as to make it serve for the common good.

Prof. F. W. Taussig, of Harvard university, drew the distinction between public service industries and industrial combinations, taking the ground in opposition to Bourke Cockran that there were such things as partial monopolies. He said that it was characteristic of smaller combinations that they were under single management, under the watchful eye of the man whose pocket was affected by the methods employed. A test of the large combinations, he said, was whether they could survive under hired management, and he contended that some of the alleged advantages of combinations on a large scale were illusory. He defended a telephone monopoly and said that several competing systems would work as great harm as if there were several competing postal systems. He said the cities could regulate such monopolies when franchises were to be granted.

Professor Taussig said that neither the protective tariff, railway conditions that gave advantages to large shippers, nor the reckless offering of corporate privileges in some state was to blame for present conditions; but that all together were in a large measure responsible. Mere prohibition, he said, could accomplish nothing. It led only to legislative hair splitting and evasion.

Sacrificed to Blood Poison.

Those who have never had Blood Poison can not know what a desperate condition it can produce. This terrible disease which the doctors are totally unable to cure, is communicated from one generation to another, inflicting its taint upon countless innocent ones.

Some years ago I was afflicted with blood poisoning, and it was so severe that I was unable to work. I had the best medical treatment, but it did me no good. I was covered with sores and my life was in danger. I was advised by friends to try S. S. S. and I did so. I got two bottles, and I felt hope again. My blood began to purify itself, and I was able to work again. I am now perfectly cured, and I can say that S. S. S. is the only blood remedy which reaches the source of the disease.



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nation strong enough in mind, virtue and intelligence to govern themselves. We are against all secret political conspiracies. It is the ideal of every Pole to see his country free and to secure its freedom, not by political conspiracies but by rational, constant and untiring efforts toward the enlightenment and education of the masses and to bring about this last insurrection of moral and mental power."

Stephen Barszczewski, editor of Zgodna, says:

"There is a secret Polish league which is organized for the purpose of creating and nurturing a patriotic Polish current among Polish youth and to encourage love for Poland. I do not believe, however, that they are now planning an insurrection to free Poland."

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.

Will Be Celebrated on An Unusually Elaborate Scale in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—Chicago's celebration of the anniversary of the birth of George Washington tomorrow will surpass all past efforts of the kind. Plans arranged for the day provide for a large number of patriotic exercises and most elaborate programmes and the suspension of business on account of the occasion it is predicted, will be more noticeable than usual.

In the morning exercises will be held in the public schools; in the afternoon a mass meeting at the Auditorium under the auspices of the Union League Club will be the principal event, and at night many clubs and societies will have patriotic banquets and other entertainments.

The Union Club's celebration has been arranged on an unusually extensive scale. Exercises will be held in forty-six public schools during the morning, and at each school members of the club will preside and speak. Song sheets and small American flags have been provided for the pupils.

Recitations and songs by the pupils will vary the programmes.

The mass meeting at the Auditorium will begin at 8 o'clock. The subject for discussion will be "Discussion." Jacob G. Shurman, president of Cornell university and president of the commission sent to the Philippines by President McKinley will be the principal speaker. Eugene Carey, president of the Union League club, will preside.

The Union League Club will have its annual Washington banquet at night. Speakers announced are: Eugene Carey, Jacob G. Shurman, General W. L. H. Barnes, of San Francisco; the Rev. Wm. McLaughlin, John Mayne Zane, Murray F. Smith, of Vicksburg, and Timothy L. Woodruff, lieutenant-governor of New York.

YENEZUELA STILL TROUBLED.

Her Minister of War Finds It Necessary to Deny That He Is Against the Government.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Reports came from Trinidad, under date of February 5, to the effect that General Jose Ignacio Pulido, minister of war of Venezuela, was planning a revolution against the administration of President Castro, who is declared by that official to be without foundation and calculated to do him an injustice in Caracas.

Senor E. Gonzalez Esteves, consul-general of Venezuela, in New York, alleges that President Castro is securely seated in power, is giving the republic a clean administration and that he has the respect and support of a great majority of all Venezuelans. The members of his cabinet are peculiarly loyal to him. Senor Esteves has received a cable dispatch of which the following is a translation:

"Consul-General of Venezuela, New York: Report from Trinidad dated 5th is incorrect. I am in full sympathy with the policy of General Castro and with the liberal party. Please have this statement published in the New York Herald. (Signed)

"GEN. JOSE IGNACIO PULIDO,"

"Minister of War." Senor Esteves insists that conspirators are constantly plotting against the republic and that the peace of Venezuela and it was probably one of these irresponsible persons who set afloat the untrue rumor concerning General Pulido.

PLAN TO REORGANIZE,

Third Avenue Railroad Affairs Being Adjusted.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—The troubles of the Third Avenue Railroad Company continue the exciting topic in Wall street. The composition of the syndicate which is to reorganize the road is not definitely known, but it is known that Vermeyle & Co., the bankers, are at the head of it. The statement of Treasurer W. H. Curtiss of the Third Avenue, announcing the solution of the difficulty, is as follows:

"As chairman of the committee appointed by the board of directors for that purpose, I have entered into an agreement with a syndicate of eminent bankers, including two very large international banking houses, and under the terms of the agreement the bankers will furnish to the company the sum of \$2,500,000 at five per cent. I have also entered into an agreement with other parties who will furnish to the company the sum of \$7,000,000 additional.

"The terms upon which these ar-

rangements have been made are, in my opinion, very advantageous to the company. Persons owning a majority of the capital stock of the company have decided to form a corporation which will lease the properties of the Third Avenue Railroad Co. in perpetuity and at an annual rental sufficient to pay its fixed charges and, in addition thereto, dividends on its stock on a scale beginning at four per cent, immediately, and reaching five per cent per annum at the end of four years, and continuing at that rate thereafter.

"In this connection the stockholders of the Third Avenue Co. will acquire certain very valuable rights. The leasing company will deposit with a trust company satisfactory to the Third Avenue Co. a sum in excess of \$100,000,000 in cash, which shall stand as a guarantee fund for the payment of dividends.

"Messrs. Ryan & Vreeland, of the Metropolitan Co., published a statement today that the Metropolitan Co. does not want the Third Avenue, and never has considered the question of taking it over. This statement surprises me very much, because within the last thirty days J. Pierpont Morgan personally offered to take up and thoroughly reorganize the finances of the Third Avenue Co., on condition that the stockholders consent to a lease of the Metropolitan on terms which would guarantee to the stockholders four per cent per annum in perpetuity."

James R. Keene says, in reference to the subject:

"I am the holder of a large amount of the capital stock of the Third Avenue Railroad Co., a portion of which is in my hands on advances that I have made to the party owning it, for a very long time and thoroughly secured. The right to vote on any proposition for the pledged stock in connection with any plan to place the company on a sound basis has been delegated to me by the party to whom I have loaned the money."

"I am therefore in sympathy with his interest and in consideration for his own, given the interest of this to any projected scheme that would benefit the company. I have taken great pains to inform myself respecting the value of the property of the company, its present difficulties and its future prospects, and after the most thorough investigation, I am satisfied that the Third Avenue Railroad Co. will emerge in a few months, when the full construction of its lines is completed, into one of the best paying properties in the country."

"Whatever may be the proposed plan, for an acceptable reorganization of the company, it will have my earnest and thorough support."

Pears'

Unless you have used Pears' soap you probably do not know what we mean by a soap with no free fat or alkali in it—nothing but soap.

The more purely negative soap is, the nearer does it approach perfection.

Deaths of John M. Breck, Portland, Or., Feb. 21.—John M. Breck, a pioneer of 1850, and at one time mayor of Portland, died today.

RIVERS ARE OVERFLOWING.

Idaho and Eastern Washington Towns Are Under Water.

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The bridges over the creeks have all been washed out and some of the new railroad work on the Juliaetta branch of the Northern Pacific was washed out.

The damage otherwise is slight.

SOLFILINE.

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If you are sick and tired of rubbers, which protect your feet from wet or cold, and wish to save continual re-sooling of your shoes; if you wish to stop greasing your harness and prolonging the life of same at least fifty per cent. If you wish to save greasing your belts in your manufactory, go to Peterson & Brown, at Astoria, and try a case of Solfiline on your shoes and harness. Buy your shoes only of those who have that Solfiline on them.

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ever, and says he believes his properties will meet all obligations and leave a surplus.

The action taken before Judge Kohlsaat was on the petition of Rufus B. Smith, of Madison, Wis., who holds a claim for \$5,057 against the defendant.

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THE STIMSON FAILURE.

Receiver Appointed on the Estate Yesterday.

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—H. S. Bright, of Superior, Wis., was named receiver for the large properties of James Stimson, 4436 Drexel Boulevard, by Judge Kohlsaat sitting in the United States circuit court. Mr. Stimson's assets are not stated. His liabilities are put at \$300,000.

An intimation that Mr. Stimson's affairs were not in satisfactory shape was given recently when his bank at Hamilton, Ont., was closed. He takes a hopeful view of the situation, how-

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OF ASTORIA.

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RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts, \$210,295.31

Overdrafts, secured and unsecured, 164.47

U. S. Bonds to secure circulation, 12,500.00

Premiums on U. S. Bonds, 25.00

Stocks, securities, etc., 90,540.04

Real estate, 9,907.44

Due from National Banks (not reserve agents), 4,861.01

Due from state banks and bankers, 34,550.03

Due from approved reserve agents, 120,326.91

Checks and other cash items, 824.64

Notes of other National banks, 25.00

Nickels and cents, 69.10

Lawful money reserve in bank, 716.